



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JULY 1981

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—																
June	8,174	7,871		35.2	8,707	8,029	34,984	29,883	576	602	457	455	29.8	29.5	284	288
1980-81—																
July	6,637	6,491		31.7	9,486	8,160	37,060	29,161	736	744	495	461	35.5	31.2	330	297
August	5,004	5,464	25,707	32.5	8,973	8,089	34,502	28,853	685	685	502	481	29.6	29.1	321	294
September	8,612	7,707		32.1	8,231	8,083	31,793	29,445	614	609	443	430	33.0	29.4	351	28*
October	10,127	8,360		30.9	8,206	8,194	29,275	29,146	629	609	479	461	35.1	29.7	394	32*
November	8,818	8,136	24,060	33.1	7,927	8,521	27,939	30,662	635	675	512	482	32.0	30.2	347	294
December	6,649	8,077		31.0	7,999	8,524	25,248	29,259	653	632	448	473	28.4	31.3	317	302
January	6,249	8,664		22.5	7,834	8,540	27,897	34,876	728	668	312	456	12.8	37.5	119	294
February	7,751	8,437	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,477	27,424	33,618	634	675	447	450	32.2	31.9	296	316
March	9,327	8,728		23.1	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	313	305
April	8,022	8,628		32.5	7,999	8,566	32,045	34,290	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	5,494	8,780	n.y.a.	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,280		n.y.a.	8,945	8,689	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,761	8,339	43,269	34,102	712	719	463	429	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	347	318

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories (c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—														
June	3,543	3,230	513	610	13,311	167	171	289.2	220	455	23,544	68.8	(f)26,315	(f)26,297
1980-81—														
July	4,599	3,981	839	762	14,278	208	209	292.6	302	459	41,010	74.9		
August	3,769	3,257	683	722	13,026	197	195	296.5	452	471	72,055	(e)80.7	27,639	27,543
September	3,715	3,352	771	745	13,057	214	205	299.3	588	448	102,447	82.4		
October	4,338	3,471	1,032	833	13,725	233	214	300.4	688	433	103,574	80.7		
November	3,509	3,379	997	855	12,047	187	175	302.0	661	437	79,198	79.0	28,197	28,301
December	2,966	3,527	775	782	9,719	182	195	304.2	609	420	58,234	76.4		
January	1,447	3,374	516	1,025	4,334	168	179	305.9	492	411	34,284	81.3		
February	3,703	3,835	957	841	11,463	171	174	309.1	379	415	35,103	75.9	28,564	28,580
March	3,830	3,981	895	770	12,767	168	156	310.8	335	422	44,012	75.9		
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,141	205	221	312.5	264	423	39,732	82.5		
May	3,713	3,496	856	681	12,965	202	198	313.3	213	428	40,615	80.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,264	178	183	315.8	209	425	20,014	74.6		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	n.y.a.	191	191	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers has increased its membership from August 1980 resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers. (f) Comparability differences due to sample revision — see September Quarter issue of 5629.0 for further details of this revision.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a) \$m		Export price index (b) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1979-80—								
June	1,803	1,394			179	-82	100	5,681
1980-81—								
July	1,680	1,592			180	-310	248	5,933
August	1,489	1,463	2,608	2,286	182	477	264	5,533
September	1,404	1,617			184	571	384	5,718
October	1,670	1,734			185	619	1,072	6,094
November	1,593	1,325	2,560	2,272	185	-218	341	5,981
December	1,580	1,545			185	322	208	5,430
January	1,672	1,406			186	298	592	5,586
February	1,574	1,613	2,661	2,236	186	414	367	5,172
March	1,479	1,595			185	742	784	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	484	1,036	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186	409	603	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-555	667	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,502	1,922			n.y.a.	-883	491	4,996

(a) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0 (b) Introduced in July 1979. For further details see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0 (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.(b) \$m		Food and drink(b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture(b) \$m		Other(b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(d) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(e) \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1979-80—													
June	2,399	2,572							36.5	36.9	11.1	10.0	3,011
1980-81—													
July	2,552	2,645							43.2	37.7	11.9	10.1	3,007
August	2,552	2,637	3,814	3,919	2,549	2,637	1,331	1,402	39.3	38.2	10.0	10.4	3,005
September	2,591	2,693							37.5	37.9	10.0	10.4	3,001
October	2,735	2,653							40.2	38.4	10.7	10.1	3,017
November	2,747	2,728	4,327	4,027	3,207	2,738	1,699	1,429	36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2	3,028
December	3,751	2,792							39.9	40.8	10.0	10.1	3,027
January	2,630	2,782							31.8	38.1	9.3	11.6	3,073
February	2,470	2,796	4,027	4,158	2,427	2,838	1,350	1,462	35.8	38.9	10.8	11.7	3,089
March	2,682	2,849							38.7	37.7	12.4	12.3	3,106
April	2,716	2,807							37.2	36.8	11.7	11.9	3,118
May	2,922	2,849	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39.6	38.6	11.9	11.4	3,146
June	2,768	2,900							42.8	41.1	13.5	11.8	3,170
1981-82—													
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p45.1	p39.8	p14.1	p11.9	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: March \$156m, April \$152m, May \$160m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1967 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)								
	Original	Seas. adj.	r	e	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1979-80— June			629.6	1.3		298.9							
1980-81— July			656.9	1.4		300.3							
August	270.40	270.20	657.4	1.4	304.0	302.5	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	354.7	138.5
September			659.6	1.4		304.4							
October			661.4	1.4		307.4							
November	289.70	278.10	661.6	1.5	310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267.8	317.1	317.2	358.9	140.6
December			661.9	1.6		314.4							
January			686.0	1.2		317.8							
February	270.70	284.00	686.0	1.4	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			686.2	1.5		316.8							
April			686.3	1.4		317.7							
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	710.5	1.5	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			710.6	1.5		326.1							
1981-82— July			n.y.a.	n.y.a.		327.2							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6330.0. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80— June	771.1	692.5	13.1	12.2	103.3					325.2	106.6				
1980-81— July	760.9	711.1	13.2	12.1	72.6					329.9	108.1				
August	762.4	830.6	12.8	13.6	101.9	2,531.0	2,437.3	38.5	37.1	334.4	109.7	755.0	756.6	2,125.9	2,201.7
September	767.3	717.0	13.0	12.4	123.0					337.2	110.5				
October	821.7	766.0	14.1	13.2	73.6					338.5	111.0				
November	770.8	767.7	13.1	12.9	107.2	2,283.5	2,435.9	36.0	37.3	339.6	111.4	924.5	804.3	2,267.1	2,150.5
December	763.7	797.4	12.5	12.7	112.3					340.6	111.8				
January	625.2	796.5	10.4	14.1	95.8					343.0	112.9				
February	714.1	806.6	11.6	13.0	94.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p31.5	p31.9	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,027.6	2,028.5	2,374.0
March	875.6	836.1	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	848.6	13.3	13.5	99.5					352.9	115.8				
May	933.8	890.2	13.2	12.7	134.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	355.1	116.7	p1,135.8	p10,978	p2,588.8	2,333.6
June	970.0	836.4	14.9	13.3	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					361.5	119.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue number 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) The previous index, calculated on reference base 1966-67 = 100.0, has been replaced by a revised index calculated on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0. For further details of this revision, see February 1981 issue of 6407.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors'— balances (c)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (d) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (a)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Deposits		Advances		Permanent building societies	Other lenders (e)		Banks \$m	Societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m					
	\$m		\$m												
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.									Original	Seas. adj.	
1979-80—															
June	21,261	21,270	22,680	23,519	17,514	17,620	19,259	295	209	104	11.50			2,800	2,711
1980-81—															
July	21,351	21,344	23,010	23,966	17,864	17,833	19,604	332	252	108	11.34			2,267	2,841
August	21,592	21,518	23,278	24,205	17,901	17,938	19,889	305	232	109	11.50	608.2		2,861	2,865
September	21,771	21,663	23,630	24,264	17,811	17,775	20,175	302	262	106	11.50			2,157	2,941
October	22,098	21,888	24,288	24,411	18,273	17,915	20,483	358	263	130	11.58			2,487	3,005
November	22,210	22,180	24,555	24,617	18,356	18,083	20,951	317	248	125	12.42	ri,208.5		3,050	3,020
December	22,699	22,621	25,127	24,570	18,638	18,434	21,313	327	229	121	12.85			2,513	3,189
January	22,705	22,623	25,292	24,611	18,606	18,753	21,611	320	197	99	13.10			2,841	3,216
February	22,959	22,837	25,564	24,520	18,595	19,022	21,836	359	181	119	13.12	860.7		3,056	3,056
March	22,833	22,960	26,147	25,034	18,802	19,134	22,153	374	189	139	13.10			3,252	3,539
April	22,552	22,913	26,219	25,356	19,457	19,449	22,446	375	158	129	13.15			4,767	3,377
May	22,819	23,142	25,802	26,398	19,851	19,740	23,095	342	134	131	13.10	n.y.a.		4,664	3,308
June	23,218	23,202	25,935	26,897	19,714	19,841	23,444	339	128	132	13.10			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1981-82—															
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	25,976	27,067	20,198	20,154	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.60			n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes external territories. (d) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1979-80—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
March	27,940	29,086	1,656	1,807	26,284	27,279	17,120	17,831	4,529	4,796	3,761	4,159	2,010	2,294
June	28,497	29,959	997	1,856	27,500	28,103	18,111	18,211	5,113	4,944	4,588	4,355	2,618	2,219
1980-81—														
September	30,799	31,045	1,537	1,868	29,262	29,177	18,677	18,822	5,051	5,131	5,016	5,079	2,150	2,357
December	35,763	32,403	3,207	1,863	32,556	30,540	20,478	19,364	5,765	5,564	5,359	5,084	2,521	2,440
March	31,093	32,935	1,328	1,558	29,765	31,377	19,007	19,907	5,334	5,636	4,899	5,435	2,174	2,482
June	32,375	33,795	898	1,693	31,477	32,102	20,266	20,392	5,905	5,708	5,991	5,682	2,941	2,503

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1979-80—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
March	16,670	17,412	1,025	1,140	15,645	16,272	9,989	10,411	2,789	2,957	2,181	2,411	1,166	1,327
June	16,419	17,630	412	1,135	16,007	16,495	10,351	10,409	3,051	2,933	2,588	2,461	1,488	1,266
1980-81—														
September	17,635	17,821	739	1,046	16,896	16,775	10,449	10,531	2,919	2,975	2,754	2,784	1,178	1,289
December	20,186	17,973	1,952	993	18,234	16,980	11,280	10,652	3,166	3,060	2,884	2,737	1,355	1,312
March	16,936	17,965	835	952	16,101	17,013	10,201	10,698	2,964	3,137	2,579	2,863	1,136	1,292
June	16,991	18,042	490	1,039	16,501	17,003	10,693	10,758	3,123	3,002	3,067	2,911	1,508	1,288

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														Wages, salaries and supplements	Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies								Other						
					Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1979-80—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
March	5,544	5,505	5,591	5,690	2,912	3,358	5,803	6,230	15,333	15,703	997	6,794	4,300	18,824					
June	5,407	5,496	5,581	5,528	3,557	3,719	5,228	6,486	16,009	16,183	333	8,378	6,274	18,446					
1980-81—																			
September	6,033	6,009	5,365	5,536	3,639	3,623	6,396	6,511	16,962	16,975	843	7,609	3,538	21,876					
December	6,130	6,102	5,729	5,513	4,789	4,154	8,471	6,638	18,472	17,470	2,386	9,197	4,090	25,965					
March	6,175	6,124	5,433	5,526	3,593	4,068	5,995	6,542	17,320	18,241	572	7,538	5,047	20,383					
June	6,478	6,600	5,776	5,731	3,859	4,049	5,502	6,723	18,578	18,741	156	9,358	7,394	20,698					

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**JOB
VACANCIES
(' 000)**
CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1979-80—													
June	4,179.2	n.a.	2,459.6	n.a.	6,638.8	n.a.	193.1	144.7	68.3	208.9	197.1	406.1	
1980-81—													
July	4,189.5	n.a.	2,475.9	n.a.	6,665.4	n.a.	190.0	134.8	60.6	205.3	180.0	385.4	
August	4,180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668.0	193.3	139.4	59.7	209.1	183.2	392.3	30.1
September	4,221.1	n.a.	2,509.7	n.a.	6,730.8	n.a.	197.9	137.6	70.0	211.1	184.4	405.5	
October	4,195.6	n.a.	2,466.1	n.a.	6,661.7	n.a.	180.1	127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7	
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	171.4	131.1	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3
December	4,306.7	n.a.	2,514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.a.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0	
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4	
February	4,271.4	4,236.8	2,473.4	2,461.9	6,744.8	6,696.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.5
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9	
April	4,256.2	n.a.	2,509.2	n.a.	6,765.4	n.a.	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0	
May	4,257.1	4,248.9	2,495.6	2,490.0	6,752.9	6,738.4	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7
June	4,244.3	n.a.	2,484.9	n.a.	6,729.2	n.a.	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2	
1981-82—													
July	4,262.5	n.a.	2,501.3	n.a.	6,763.8	n.a.	182.5	132.5	60.1	197.1	178.1	375.2	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of 6203.0. (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(' 000)**

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(c)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State(b)		Northern Territory		Local(b)		Total					
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons		
1980—														
May	276.2	121.3	582.2	408.0	7.5	6.4	103.9	25.9	969.7	561.5	1,531.3	71.4	1,602.7	
June	275.8	120.7	582.3	409.0	7.5	6.5	103.7	26.1	969.4	562.3	1,531.7	71.5	1,603.2	
July	275.8	121.6	582.7	410.5	7.5	6.6	103.3	26.1	969.3	564.8	1,534.1	71.8	1,605.9	
August	276.1	122.4	583.0	411.8	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.3	969.6	567.1	1,536.7	71.8	1,608.5	
September	276.1	122.4	582.7	415.0	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.5	969.3	570.4	1,539.7	72.0	1,611.7	
October	276.4	122.8	581.8	416.4	7.5	6.6	102.9	26.8	968.6	572.6	1,541.2	72.1	1,613.3	
November	276.4	123.3	581.5	416.5	7.5	6.6	102.9	27.3	968.3	573.8	1,542.1	72.1	1,614.2	
December	277.9	124.5	580.7	413.4	7.5	6.6	103.4	27.5	969.5	571.9	1,541.4	71.7	1,613.1	
1981—														
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	402.1	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	559.5	1,529.1	72.3	1,601.4	
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	415.7	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	574.7	1,545.5	72.4	1,617.9	
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	420.2	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	580.1	1,552.4	72.5	1,624.9	
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	422.2	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	582.1	1,554.6	72.5	1,627.1	
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	420.7	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	580.6	1,552.1	72.4	1,624.5	

(a) For further details, see page 10 of June 1981 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Excludes State and local government employees (3.8) thousand persons in June 1980 engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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